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INVESTING for a greener future

EU Green Week > 30 May - 3 June 2016



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> Natura 2000

Natura 2000 is a network of habitats established to preserve biological diversity in the European Union, both on land and at sea. Through the [Birds Directive](#) and the [Habitats Directive](#), it aims to ensure the survival of threatened species and habitats.

> LIFE

LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects throughout the EU. For the 2014-2020 funding period, LIFE will contribute approximately EUR 3.4 billion to the protection of the environment and climate.

> LIFE-Nature awards

The aim of the awards is to help improve the dissemination of LIFE projects by clearly identifying those with results, if widely applied, that could have the most positive impact on the environment.

> Green Infrastructure

Green Infrastructure can be broadly defined as a strategically planned network of high quality natural and semi-natural areas with other environmental features, which is designed and managed to deliver a wide range of ecosystem services and protect biodiversity in both rural and urban settings.

> European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)

ESIF includes money from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Social Fund (ESF), and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

> European Social Fund (ESF)

The ESF provides funding for employment, education and skills. This includes funding for anticipating and managing economic and social change, with a number of opportunities for supporting SMEs.

> European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

The EAFRD is worth EUR 100 billion from 2014-2020 with each EU country receiving a financial allocation for the 7-year period. This will leverage a further EUR 61 billion of public funding in the Member States.

> About Green Week

Green Week is the biggest annual occasion to debate and discuss European environment policy. The 2016 edition will focus on the theme 'Investing for a greener future' and will take place from Monday, 30 May to Friday, 3 June. Online debates, twitter chats and live webstreaming from events will take place during the week.